

**March 26, 2003**  
**MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting**

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

Bob Kober opened the meeting and went right into last month's business. MCA and MDT discussed the new business from February and then moved on to the old business. At the end of the meeting, there was some general discussion dealing with new special provisions, which are listed in the new business items, and three legal supplemental specifications.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Finish Grade Control.** MDT informed MCA that this is presently out for comment.

Comments are due by April 18<sup>th</sup>. MDT will make this available for the June letting.

**2. Crushed Aggregate Course.** MDT stated that this is also presently out for comment. The comments are due by the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. MDT will gather comments and is planning to have this ready for the June letting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Grade S.** This special provision has been revised and added to the March letting since last months meeting. MCA was somewhat happy with the results of the changes. This will be dropped from the minutes after this month.

**2. Water for Dust Control.** MDT stated that they want the ability to track the water used for dust control. Installing meters on pumps to measure the amount of water used was suggested by MCA. MDT then suggested bidding on water for dust control as a lump sum contract item, or including it as a cost of the grading. MCA will compile a response before the April meeting.

**3. Detailed Drawings.** MDT opened by saying that the first round of supplemental Detailed Drawings will be advertised in May and will be out in June. MDT Contract Plans will provide prints upon request. There will be a table containing a list of the Detailed Drawings and their effective dates in each contract.

The first supplemental Detailed Drawings will replace section 208, Erosion and Sediment Control. Many more options for erosion control are being made available. An erosion control rate schedule is being developed in conjunction with the new drawings. There was some general discussion about the new drawings and the rate schedule. MCA felt there could be some problems with the erosion control rate schedule, but liked the idea of having more construction options. MDT will bring the new drawings and the rate schedule to the next meeting. There will be a short comment period on this.

**4. Waterborne Paint.** MDT is currently working on new language for supplemental specifications sections 618, 620, 714 to add a tolerance in the application, move away from formula spec's for the temporary and interim products, and to make allowances for using low VOC paint products for fall striping. The proposed supplemental specifications should be out for comment in May.

**5. Base Course Sampling.** MCA previously submitted their comments on this item. MDT did not have a full response for MCA at the March meeting. MDT will respond further on this item at April's meeting. The response will primarily address timeliness of acceptance test results.

**6. Changes to the Ride Specification.** The proposed changes to clarify the language are currently out for comment right now. New language has also been added to limit the incentive to the top 120mm of plant mix surfacing. MDT is gathering comments and will have a final draft by the April meeting.

**7. Submittal Requirements in Contracts.** MCA asked if the MDT could maybe assign some submittal timelines. This issue will be forwarded to the submittal committee. This will be dropped from the future meeting minutes until more progress is made.

**8. Bridge Pile Specifications.** This proposed supplemental specification is currently out for comments. The comment period closes March 28<sup>th</sup>. MDT should have a final draft for Bridge Piles soon after. This will be dropped from next month's minutes.

**9. Final Estimates.** MDT is still reviewing the process from the time the work is completed until the project is final. MDT will have an outline of a proposed process at the next meeting.

**10. Concrete Acceptance.** MCA expressed some concerns about the low water/cement ratio. MDT is currently gathering all comments for the proposed draft and should have a final draft soon to finalize with FHWA. This will be dropped from next month's minutes.

**11. Heavy Duty Cattle Guard Bases.** MDT will check the progress on this for the next meeting.

**12. Standard Specification 108.03.** MDT is collecting comments and will have a final draft soon after the comment period closes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. MCA felt that providing monthly schedules was too excessive.

**13. Petrographic Testing of Aggregate Sources.** MDT decided to go with Sulfate Soundness testing rather than the petrographic testing. This will be reevaluated after the construction season. MCA felt this was a good idea. This will be dropped from the business for the April MCA meeting.

**14. MDT's website modifications.** There was no new discussion on the MDT website. This will most likely be dropped after this meeting minutes unless something new happens with the website.

**General Discussion.** MCA had received the proposed drafts of three supplemental specifications from the General Provisions Section. 102.08, 105.16, 108.7.5 are the three supplemental specifications being proposed. The three revisions are currently out for comment and MCA will comment on the revisions in the weeks to come.

The next meeting will be **March 26, 2003**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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